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## SUMMARY.

He has received in audience Commander of the Bath.

Both India is in London negotiating for India's neutrality over Kuwait, and for its safety.

The shipping connections between Great Britain and the ports of Kuwait will be upheld by the government.

Western Bengalis have been arrested in Calcutta on a charge of conspiring to wage war against the King.

He added: "India's National Service is not in any way deficient in the number of its Territorials."

Leading suffragists now favour an educational campaign, realising that military has alienated public sympathy.

Women suffragists set fire to a new house in Sydney's Paddington. The Balfour laboratory, adjoining, was damaged.

The bomb that was found in the chapel at Rock Park contained 12lb of gunpowder and a short fuse.

The women-suffragist movement in America has been severely affected by the doings of the suffragists in England.

Government and taxation offices to learn who are responsible for the coup, respecting the former Marconi Company's shares.

The principal event at the Manchester University meeting was won by Mr. L. de Moleys.

Mr. William Carson declines to compromise on Home Rule. Ulster, he says, adheres to the principle of self-government.

There have been three successive advances of 1 per cent. in the wages of shipyard men since 1910.

The Permanent Bureau of the International Chamber of Maritime Law has approved of the arbitration of London.

It has been revealed that Sir Curtis Landry, who died lately, married a widow a week after his first wife.

The State Governor of Arizona has signed an anti-war bill, similar to the California.

It is probable that Japan will retaliate against California by legislation affecting Japanese in Japan.

Obstetric medicine is taking place in Cincinnati in connection with the street-car strike.

Several strike-breaking car crews were arrested, and some of the men were beaten unmercifully.

An explosion wrecked the Imperial mine at Bell Vale (Kalgoorlie). Rescuers parties are at work.

A fight took place at Oklahoma between a shooting party and negroes. Two whites were badly wounded.

A party of lads from the Columbia Park Boys Club is to visit London, Paris, Rome, and Australia.

The Canadian manufacturers' president says that Canada is on the eve of a tariff revision.

The Olympic Palace of Peace will be opened on the Hague on August 29. Every nation is invited to its construction.

The Spartans are concentrating 48 miles south of Salouka, and many anti-Greek demonstrations have occurred.

Two officers were sentenced to death two weeks ago for attempting to desert with a motor car to the Turks.

Two detectives have been sentenced at the Assize Court to the scaffold.

A despatch from Captain Strakrups reports a disaster to the Scherzer-Straus Arctic expedition.

The northern and southern colliery owners have agreed for a prohibition against further proceedings in the engine houses, etc. case.

Mr. Justice Barton granted an order nisi on behalf of the Federal Arbitration Court but did not adjourn the case.

The trouble at the Victorian State colliery has been settled. All hands are returning to work to-day.

There is to be a voluntary parade of troops in the streets in connection with Empire Day next Saturday.

Tenders have been accepted for the installation of automatic telephone exchanges at Gippsland.

St. John's Church, Parramatta, is re-opening.

The First and Mrs. McGowen will leave Sydney on Saturday night to pay an official visit to Albany.

The appointment of Commander Brewis as temporary director of lighthouses has been extended for two months.

A regular mass was celebrated at St. Mary's, West Sydney, over the remains of Father Keating.

Electricity is to play an important part in the development and life of the Federal capital.

Arrangements have been made for erecting the permanent power-houses and important contracts let.

A man was arrested on Saturday after an attempt to kidnap a boy. He had a quantity of jewels upon him.

The police discovered £400 in his pocket along the route taken by the man in his sight.

The flood waters are now subsiding, but some losses have been suffered.

Mr. Brewis says that public health recently has been unable to get courteous replies from the State Minister.

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## FARM AND STATION.

## UNHEALTHY COMPETITION.

The delegates to the North Coast Butter Factories' Association, which met at Lismore recently, decided that it was necessary for the affiliated factories to agree upon a system of uniform monthly bars and butter prices. It was held that this would do much to eliminate an unhealthy competition that exists amongst some of the factories, and was admitted that such competition did not tend to educate the market and to increase cream production. This is an incident of great value at a time when the matter of cream testing is demanding attention. A body of thoroughly practical men representing the dairy interests in our richest dairy district, acknowledged that unhealthy competition exists, and that it is detrimental to the progress of the industry.

Strathgordon in the Casino district, is a striking example of the benefits of close co-operation. A little while ago it was a cattle run. Now it is dotted all over with houses and dairy yards as part and parcel of well-ordered farms.

## THE ROYAL HORSE SHOW.

The Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales has decided to hold the horse show on August 2, and the sales from August 4 to 6.

## HERD-TESTING ASSOCIATION.

MURWILLUMBAH.—The Burra Shire Agricultural Association, independent of the Government subsidy, which has been withdrawn. The annual registration fee was raised to 2/- per cow. The Association has now formed a herd-testing committee, to which the registration fee is the real issue by judgment of the imaginary slur on the honesty and capacity of the factory managers. The co-operative factory managers of this State should make it their business to strenuously support any step intended to place the industry, with which they are so responsibly connected, on a better basis. The only method of testing, as far as a body there is no allegation against their honesty. Even in the case of the minority, that there is such abundant evidence to believe in not maintaining a strict attitude in the grading of cream, it is recognized that in the majority of cases, the individual concerns are the unwilling victims of circumstances. Their action is the result of an unhealthy competition, which is publicly admitted by a responsible body of men to exist. That it does exist, as we have repeatedly pointed out, is an unpleasant fact that cannot be denied. In truth, we feel sure that the managers who are concerned in this situation, and those who are in the possibility of being affected, will, in their hearts, welcome effective action to put an end to such conditions.

Generally, unhealthy competition amongst butter factories can only arise from lack of methods, and, in particular, if all supplies are rapidly and haphazardly sent and supplied accordly, what competition exists is healthy, and of value as an incentive to managers to give their best efforts towards turning out a high-class product. Honest testing entails that the careless supplier is induced gradually to improve his methods—suppliers are reduced to the best methods of cream production. Unhealthy competition has the opposite effect, as is now admitted. Other conditions being equal, it must be assumed that where one competing factory pays a higher price, the action is only possible by a pernicious system of "skipping the test." In reality suppliers are compelled to pay a higher price for supplies, although they are paid a higher price. Their supplies are "clipped." Hence the necessity for legislation that will compel factories to show exactly what is done, in their published statements and balance-sheets. As it is, the healthy tactics are compelled to do the same thing in self-defence. Managers are forced to attend more to the matter of maintaining their supplies of cream than to improving them. That position is not only most unsatisfactory to the manager of ability and repose, but is inimical to the interests of the industry and the trade. The manager is forced to produce high-quality margarine—which the consumption of margarine and other butter-producing countries where butter methods are in vogue render necessary—and largely accounts for the amount of second-quality butter produced in this country. It only benefits two sections of the import and dairy industry—the tax, incapable, or dishonest butter-maker, and the carcasses, slovenly supplier. If the carcass, raised a good yield throughout appears to be assured.

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This page chronicles convincing examples of our steadfast value giving. It gives you news of new goods, special offers, and keen values. Every day finds some new attraction. To-day, for instance, we begin the first of a series of special private Demonstrations on Corsets and Bust Bodices.

## Demonstrations Daily on Living Models of Corsets.

At 3 p.m. to-day, and every day this week, our American Expert Corsetieres—Madam Dumas and Madam Hammond—will practically demonstrate the great advantages of the Royal Worcester and Bon Ton Corsets on living models, also the necessity of wearing a Bust Bodice. Every demonstration will be thoroughly interesting and instructive. No lady, in justice to herself, should miss attending one. Our Corsetieres will give valuable information on how to choose Corsets for the Stout, the Medium, Average, and Slender Figures, and the important part they play in correct gowning. Also some very helpful hints will be given to the stout woman—how she can have proportion, perfect comfort and ease. These demonstrations are private. Tickets of admission to be had in the Underclothing Department, 2nd Floor.

### Bust Bodice Free

To everyone purchasing a Bon Ton or Adjusto Corset this week a Bust Bodice (illustrated below), valued at 3s. 6d., will be given gratis; and to every purchaser of a Royal Worcester Corset a pair of "No-Tear" Hose Protectors

### For Slender, Average, and Medium Figures.



### Bust Bodices.



### Tailored Costumes that are Value Right Through.



### Some Wonderful Values and Prices in Household Drapery.

These values, which are much under usual prices, should appeal to every housewife. They are offered at prices that leave no doubt that this is a remarkable opportunity to buy.



### Royal Alexandra Hospital Linen Tea

The Royal Alexandra Hospital will hold a Linen Tea on Wednesday, May 21st, having been postponed from last Wednesday, and we shall be glad to supply customers with goods at the special prices allowed to the Hospital. Every information can be had in the Underclothing Department, on the Ground Floor.

### For the Full or Stout Figure

#### The Adjusto.

##### For Stout Figures.



### "Our Weekly Reduced Price Offer,"

This  
Splendid  
Winter  
Coat,  
This Week—  
25/-  
Usually 29 6

### Two Extra Special Silk Blouses.



### The Royal Worcester

#### Nursing Corsets.



### Maternity Corsets



### Bust Bodice Free With Bon Ton Corsets.



### No-tear Hose Protectors Free

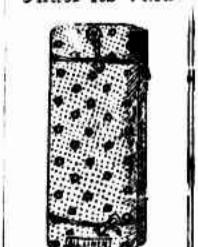


To every lady who buys a pair of Bon Ton "Adjusto" Corsets this week we will give away gratis a pair of "No-tear" Hose Protectors, valued at 3s. 6d. It is made in Royal Worcester, and is made of Batiste, trimmed with lace in front and back, and may be had in any size, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 inches. Bust Measure. Remember this offer is for this week only.

### Navy Blue Coats—The Utmost in Value.



### Huckaback at One-third Under its Value



13. This is an exceptional offer in strong figured huckaback. It is made of the best Yarn and Linen. There are slight weaving faults which account for the low price. These faults can hardly be detected, and in no way interfere with the huckaback. We can honestly say that this is just one-third less than its true value.

Price, 1/4/-

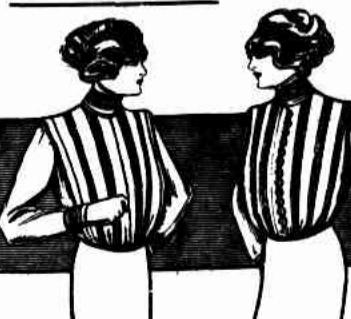
### Soft, Warm, Cream Blouses.



14. Here is a very exceptional value in Cream Nuns' Welling. The front is prettily tucked to the bust, and embroidered. Fastens down back, and has two small hidden buttons. A warm winter blouse of good quality material, that will wash for many years. The price is just one-third less than its true value.

Price, 11/6

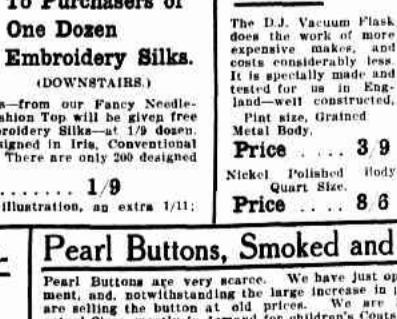
### Given Free—A Designed Crash Cushion Top.



15. In plain tucked Silk Blouses we really excel. They are made in our workrooms—and tucked beautifully by a special machine. Silk is a high-grade washing quality.

Price, 11/6

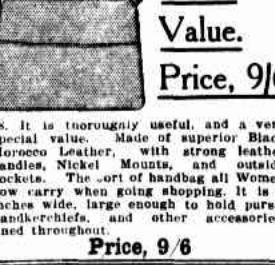
### The D.J. 3/9 Vacuum Flasks.



16. A most important order in need-workers—from our Fancy Need-work Department. A designed crash cushion top will be given free when purchasing one dozen assorted embroidery silks—at 1/- dozen. The cushion top may be had ready designed in Iris, Conventional Rose, Violet, Poppy, Size, 16 x 22 inches. There are only 200 designed cushion tops.

Price, 1/-

### A Handbag of Exceptional Value.



Price, 9/6

### Pearl Buttons, Smoked and Plain.



Price, 2/-







size of the Hunter River, has been inundated by the flood. The residents shifted their furniture to high lands 'near by, and those with roofs over their houses carried their effects into the upper storeys. Many of these residents were stranded, and had to be removed by boat. A detachment of New South Wales Police, under Senior-constable Tinsley, arrived with four boats, and assisted in the rescue.

## AT MORPETH.

## LUCERNE LANDS DESTROYED.

## FARMERS RESCUED FROM HAYSTACKS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER).

## MORPETH, Sunday.

The township of Morpeth is situated on high land, overlooking the Hunter, and suffered very slightly; but the flats at the base of the town were swept by the full force of the current. The land there around Phoenix Park, Dummere, Narrow Gut, and Raworth is covered all the year round with a thick growth of lucerne and heavy crops of beet and turnips. The yield of the rich beds of agricultural land in the State, and its productive capacity can be gauged by the prices paid for land in the vicinity, viz., from £100 per acre.

The flood waters rushed over these verdant fields, from which the farmers had already fed in haste. Yesterday there was no sign of a farmer, and, except where there are a few fence posts standing above a yellow inland sea, looking out on the high lands of East Maitland and Morpeth, the water could be seen stretching away to the green hills beyond. This morning some of these farm lands were showing above the water. Where crops of succulent fodder were standing a few days ago, sand and mud are piled high, and great masses of debris add to the confusion. The soil has been buried under this sand, will be almost ruined, and the crops which grew there are irretrievably damaged. Only a few days ago an estate was subdivided and sold at Dumbore and realised from £11 to £15 per acre, and the buyers stand to lose heavily by the flood. Where a rich deposit has been left, present less may be future gain; but in this case the deposit appears to be largely composed of sand.

Mr. Tom Price, whose farm is opposite Gillies' cutting, lost his house, shed, haystack, farm implements, the whole of the effects, stock, stock, and barrel, going over into the river.

A farmer named T. Lanty, who lived at Phoenix Park, had distress signs on Friday, and the Maitland and the Hunter, owing to his assistance. The current was running very swiftly, and although the risk from banks and floating logs was great, the trip was safely negotiated. The crew found Lanty and his family, which included a sick boy, on the top of a haystack in a shed where they had taken refuge from the flood. The family were exhausted, but they were quick to come to Morpeth.

In a number of other cases good boats of fast prompt rescue, and the assistance rendered was invaluable.

It is impossible to reach East Maitland by road, and the only means of communication has been by tram, running on the railway line from High Street to Morpeth.

The farms along Hunter's Lagoon have been inundated, and in most cases damaged by debris and huge deposits of sand.

COAST OF THE FLOOD.

It would be difficult to attempt an estimate of the damage caused to Maitland and its surroundings by this flood, the greatest, since, and probably as disastrous as the famous inundation of '52. It will easily run into £50,000. The crops of lucerne which have been flooded will be almost entirely destroyed, and it will throw farmers back for months in their work.

It is estimated, indeed, that the flood came when it did, as never before in history has the district been so well "cleaned up" of its stocks of lucerne. The semi-drought in summer created a great demand for lucerne as high prices, and nearly every farmer took advantage of these conditions to sell out of all stock. Furthermore, prices for lucerne during the last two years have averaged between £10 and £12 per ton.

Mr. John Hogan, of Morpeth, principal of the large Newcastle produce house, speaking to a "Herald" representative, told him that the food would be a tremendous set back to farmers. A redeeming feature of the disaster was, he said, that the grain crops had been harvested, and that the farmer could turn to summer crops of lucerne, particularly to summer crops of lucerne, having a small mill crop, which had been pretty much cleared out at prices higher than for many years. It was estimated that between £10 and £12 tons of lucerne seed would be required to renew the area that had been destroyed by flood water. Local farmers had already sold very largely of lucerne seed, between 200 and 300 tons having been shipped to the United Kingdom. Mr. Hogan participated in this, and sold, what was now about £10 per ton, what would have to be brought back for local consumption.

COMMUNICATION RESTORED.

Communication between Newcastle and the coast was established via Morpeth to-day. The steamer Irawaddy, which left Newcastle last night, arrived at Morpeth this morning, bringing mail matter and passengers. She left about midday for Newcastle, with 120 bags of mail. The steamer Warratah, which was the other steamer, bringing about 15 tons of mail, and left early during the afternoon, was to call at Morpeth, and then proceed to Newcastle, via the Railways Department, and the captain of the steamer.

STOKEKEEPER'S EXPERIENCE.

ADRIFT ON A LOG.

BROUGHT ASHORE UNCONSCIOUS.

TAMWORTH, Saturday.

The steamer Irawaddy, which had been

adrift on a log, was brought ashore unconsciously.

GOVERNMENT MONETARY ASSISTANCE.

AT WISEMAN'S FERRY.

WISEMAN'S FERRY, Sunday.

The flood waters are now confined within the river banks. It is estimated that many thousand pounds' worth of damage has been done to orchards, farms, and fencing. Some of the former have been practically wiped out.

The goods shed at St. Albans wharf was washed away, and the steamer Irawaddy, which was on the opposite bank, was unable to get to the goods.

At the present time, the river is rising.

PROGRESS IN PAPUA.

ONCE DISCOVERED.

AN END TO HEAD HUNTING.

Mr. J. H. P. Murray, Judge of the Central Court and Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, arrived in Sydney on Saturday evening by the Van Warwijk, en route to Melbourne, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. H. L. Murray.

In course of a conversation last evening, Judge Murray said that the outlook in the railway line was bright, a great step having been given to the place by the oil discoveries, which should prove an asset of no small value to the Commonwealth.

"We have two lines of the Vailala River," he said, "one on the eastern bank and the other on the western. The latter bank is being prospected for oil, and the field is of great interest. Constable Condon and Mr. Garrett Marshall, after some time, discovered a head in the limb of a willow tree, just above Paradise Bridge. The river was running rapidly here, and also the man was found to be dead. The police officer who was sent to the scene of the accident, found the man was dead, and he was admitted to the hospital to be treated for his injuries. It was estimated that between 40 and 60 tons of lucerne seed would be required to renew the area that had been destroyed by flood water. Local farmers had already sold very largely of lucerne seed, between 200 and 300 tons having been shipped to the United Kingdom. Mr. Hogan participated in this, and sold, what was now about £10 per ton, what would have to be brought back for local consumption.

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UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

TRAIN, TROLLY, AND BOAT.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

A party, consisting of Mr. C. Quinton, Mr. Vogan (Divisional Railway Engineer), Inspector T. Crompton of the Permanent Way Department, accompanied by Senior-constable P. Bell, of the Water Police, and two watermen, left Newcastle on Saturday for the northern end of the river to endeavour to reach Maitland. The party took a boat, and the river was of great interest, and they were successful in reaching the steamer.

COAL MINES IDLE.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

There will be but few collieries in the district that will not be affected by the flood. Washaways have taken place on nearly all the railway lines, and as the trains were unable to run on these lines, many of the collieries will be out of date during this week. Under such circumstances it will take at least three or four days to make the repairs. The main line upon which coal can be sent to Newcastle is one through Redhead, Wallsend, West Wallsend, Teralla, and Cockle Creek. Washaways have occurred in East Greta, Central Greta, Broxburn, Rothbury, Aberdare, Aberdare Extended, Bellenden, Whitburn, Felside, and Stamford Mothor.

ON THE MANNING.

COUNTRY INUNDATED.

FARMERS SUFFER HEAVILY.

JONES ISLAND, Saturday.

The Manning River has been flooded through the last few days. Very heavy rain has fallen, and an Easterly gale has blown strongly, with winds of 60 miles per hour.

At present the water is at Manning's.

Mr. C. F. Summers, an expert in marine surveys, has made a tour of the country, and the passengers and mails from Newcastle for the north went on to Maitland.

The party left Newcastle in a train, consisting of an engine, four or five goods wagons, one of which contained a rowing boat.

After passing Waratah station the train was travelling through water. It could not proceed further than a few hundred yards past Sandgate station. Here the services of sixteen trolleys with four trolleys each were taken. The boat was lowered on the water, and continued this morning rising over all the Government wharfs, and breaking over the banks of the river, and flooding over the country, damming up rivers and gassing lands, the water rising to the two rails; at other times it was necessary for the settlers to work their trolleys and tow the small rail-way wagon containing some of the party, while the boat was taken outside the rails and towed in deeper water. They travelled in that style till reaching the other side of Maitland, and were unable to proceed for some days. The water is over the tops of the

houses, and families had to leave their homes for higher land. The stock was

driven to the hills, and sandbags were placed around the houses.

The weather this morning is still bad, and there is no appearance of clearing. It is still raining and blowing from the south-west.

The heavy sea is backing the water up, and the flood is likely to keep up for a few days.

TABLE, Sunday.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

LANCASHIRE'S PROPOSAL.

LONDON, May 18.

The counties' advisory committee has decided not to take any action regarding Lancashire's proposal to reduce the number of counties participating in the county championship until after 1917.

COUNTY MATCHES.

NOTTS defeated Lancashire by an innings and 24 runs at Manchester, the totals being Notts 291, and Lancashire 165 and 101. George Gunn scored a century for Notts.

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